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## ANNOUNCEMENT!

The American National Bank has closed its 1914 Christmas Saving Club and the success of this club has far exceeded the expectation of the officers of this bank. Checks to the members of this club aggregating \$15,000 have been issued and will be mailed this week. Announcement of the date for the release of these checks will be made Wednesday.

## New Club to Start

The 1914 Christmas Club was one of the delightful successes of the year. Just think of it—\$15,000 saved for Christmas purchases. Another club operating on similar lines, the depositors to receive 4 per cent interest will start this month and it is anticipated that the club will have at least 2,000 members. Watch this newspaper for the announcement of details.

**American National Bank**  
Home of the Xmas Saving Club

# PRISONERS SUFFER IN CAMP AT BERLIN

BY HERBERT COREY.

Berlin, Dec. 7.—There are 9,000 very miserable men in the camp for prisoners of war at Döberitz. No doubt the conditions under which they live are forced by a military necessity. Nevertheless they are very miserable men.

"We would treat them better if we could," said the guard who escorted me. "But we cannot. We are doing the best we can."

I am inclined to credit that statement. Certain things show for themselves. These men are sleeping—200 to 500 to the tent—in horse tents which have been cut off by the German cavalry. These tents are very old. Some of them have been patched and thatched with torn and discolored bits of canvas. The present camp is but a makeshift, intended to bridge over the time until the winter barracks shall be completed. By this time they may be housed in these permanent huts. Germany claims to hold 433,000 prisoners of war. The housing and feeding of so great a number must be a tremendous strain upon resources drained by the necessities of war.

### Are All Miserable.

Nevertheless these 9,000 men at Döberitz are very miserable men.

The chief item in their bill of discontent is the monotony. They have nothing—absolutely nothing—to do. It is true that they are certain of their lives. They have no way of keeping themselves clean. Some of them are not warmly clothed. They could bear with all these things if only they had something to do.

"They sing," said the guard. "They sing hymns."

"One wouldn't think they would feel like singing," was the comment.

"It is something to do," said he.

The plain truth is an international swindle. English holds prisoners, and France holds prisoners, and Russia holds prisoners, and so does Germany. For some reason no exchange can be arranged. Humanitarianism is no part of the war program. One hundred of the men in the camp are in the hospital. There are stories of one side or the other refusing an armistice to permit the other to gather its wounded. Each side is desperately determined to win, and neither is counting the cost. No men must rest in prison camps until the struggle is over.

### He Was Killing Them.

We went into one of the long tents. A British soldier was sitting on his bed roll, carefully examining the interior of his trousers. His long white legs were bare. When he saw us he hastily covered himself up and blushed.

"He is killing these fellows," the guard explained in his halting English. "That is the only way they can keep themselves clean."

"That proved to be the case. There are 9,000 men in the Döberitz camp, showing such other, sleeping two in a bed. Not one has had a bath since he was first brought to the camp. It isn't likely that one will have a bath while the war lasts. When winter comes, and they move into the permanent wooden barracks which have been provided for them, conditions must

grow worse. They will be huddled about stoves then, and in the lack of proper clothing will not keep in the open air. Even now—

"Don't touch anything," said the guard. "You'll get 'em on you."

When a man can stand the torture



for longer, he is sent to the hospital. There he gets not a bath—but a thorough dousing with a very hot disinfectant. His clothes are disinfected. He is sent back to be rehabilitated.

### They Try to Keep Clean.

Some of them do their best to keep clean. In the center of the camp is a horse trough. If they are particularly particular they splash themselves and take an ice water bath. The fall and winter climate of northern Germany is very severe. We are shivering in our overcoats. But we saw half a dozen men crouched in the waist, rubbing themselves down with water at the horse trough.

"It is too bad," said the guard. "But what can we do? We can't get baths ourselves. Only last week I had to go to the hospital to be doused."

Döberitz prison camp is an hour's ride by motor from Berlin. It is a bare, bleak expanse of sandy soil, surrounded by a barbed wire trench. At one end is a slight elevation, on which several old field pieces have been mounted, behind a barbed wire entanglement. The guards call it the fort. "But I don't believe there is any ammunition for the guns," said the escort. "It is just what you call a bluff."

### Allies Fighting Each Other.

The bluff was used at the outset, for the men fought among themselves. The Germans have carefully scrubbed the nationalities, so that Russians and French and English are mingled in the tents. Earlier in the war the allies didn't like each other. The men of each race thought the other two had not been doing their part in the war. So they fought it out along this line. When fighting became rioting, guards came in and suppressed it. The fort was a great aid in restoring internal peace.

"Seems to me a great many of the Englishmen are very nice," I said to

# Big Audience Sees McIntyre and Heath

"If there is ever a better musical comedy than 'The Ham Tree,' McIntyre and Heath will be in it," has been said by competent critics, and the large audience of Oklahoma City people who saw the play at the Overholser last night will bear out the statement. True to the advertisement of the company it is the best show of its kind that theatergoers of this city have had the opportunity to see this season and the two star comedians kept the house in a roar of merriment from the opening act until the last song was finished and they had made their last joke.

Although supported by a good company, the work of the comedians shone out so that the pretty girls and beautiful dances were mere timekillers to give the pair resting space, and their entrance was loudly applauded after each intermission. Full of snappy jokes, lightning wit and regular old darky humor, the pair was a decided hit, and took the whole audience by storm.

Ebenezer, the ham tree mule, "by himself," was another popular actor of the production. Advertised as being the best thing in the show, the little mule lived up to its reputation and received more applause than any other one of the company. Ebenezer's act consisted solely of defying the hired hand to ride him, and showed his superb training to a great extent. Although his part of the show lasted only a few minutes and about four encores, Ebenezer may be safely classed the original "merment getter" of the show.

Heath, playing the part of a bedlammed minstrel, was the embodiment of rich humor in his pompous manner and his ability to imitate the beautiful life of the roaming minstrel man. McIntyre presented the role of Alexander Hamiltonian, with a perfectness that readily reached the audience. He was the uneducated chambermaid to Ebenezer, the mule, and had no aspiration to the seat of the minstrel star until unearthed by Henry Jones, the minstrel man, and whom he subsequently blamed for his

many troubles in that line of endeavor.

In the appearance of the two comedians in the roles of the Rajah of Fussywahwah and his wife in the last act, all the troubles of the young lovers, Jack Crisp as Ernest Everhart, and Miss Whinnie Crisp as Tessie Nicklebacker, were cleared up. In the part of the rajah's wife Mr. McIntyre made a decided hit with his conversation in the language of his native country.

Desdemona, the promised wife of Alexander, as played by Miss Mabel Elaine, was well taken. Her clog and peculiar dances were among the best ever produced here and she was called to answer repeated encores. Desdemona was a fitting match for the two comedians and supported their act to a material extent.

The variety of costumes of the chorus, the catchy songs and beautiful scenic effects were pleasing and had a decided effect in the production of "The Ham Tree." When New Wayburn states that he chose his chorus from among one thousand applicants it may be readily understood why the girls and men are so proficient in their difficult dances. They are among the best dancers of their kind in the country and their dances were beautifully arranged. The conversation dance of Jack and Whinnie Crisp was beautifully presented and received repeated calls, as did their dance in the last act which was one of the best interpretations of the modern dance ever seen here.

Although short on plot, "The Ham Tree" is long on humor, and the production was received here last night as it has been received everywhere—with the loud acclaim of the audience. The same production was presented at the Overholser to a large audience this afternoon and will be seen again tonight.

Manager Wells is gratified at having pleased the patrons of the Overholser so well and promises another most satisfactory entertainment next Saturday and Sunday when Raymond Hitchcock comes in "The Beauty Shop."

# BELGIANS NOW NEED \$5,000,000 A MONTH

BY JOHN M. OSKISON.

New York, Dec. 7.—The least that America must send to Belgium for

feeding and clothing the hungry and cold during the next few months will amount in value to five million dollars a month. From some part of the United States there must sail a ship laden with food and blankets and clothing every three days. To use of America has been given the duty of maintaining the greatest commissary of relief ever undertaken.

Throughout the country scores of local and national organizations are making effective appeals for money, food clothing and blankets to be rushed aboard ships and sent to the Belgians. Responses have been generous and prompt, and the flow of relief has already begun to reach the war-scarred and ravaged provinces of the unfortunate little kingdom.

But from this time forward there ought to be, and will be, a swift increase in the flow, for only recently have the various agencies of collection been brought into effective co-ordination with an agency of distribution which can guarantee prompt transportation and quick placing of relief supplies in the hands of those who need them.

### Organize for Relief.

There has lately been established at 71 Broadway, New York City, the American Commission for Relief in Belgium. In charge of Linda W. Bates. A women's section under the chairmanship of Mrs. Bates, is also working at the same job. This commission is the American end of the international commission established in London through the efforts of Ambassador Page, of the Spanish ambassador of London, and of the diplomatic consular representatives of Spain and the United States in Belgium and Holland.

It has undertaken to act for every organization, and individual that wants to contribute to the relief of Belgium. Backed by ample funds (the sum now in hand amounts to more than \$3,000,000), the American Commission makes this offer to all individuals or organized relief collecting agencies.

The commission will see that freight or express charges are paid on all articles of staple food, blankets, and new clothing from this point of collection to a designated shipping port, it will charter ships to carry food and supplies to Rotterdam as fast as they are gathered in shipload lots at the seaports; at Rotterdam it will attend to the unloading of the ships and the transfer of the cargoes to canal boats, that will start promptly into the interior of Belgium (for the railroads are now being used only by the Germans for military purposes); through its agents in Belgium

the guard. "Do they get enough to eat?"

He said they did—but that they didn't like it. The men are given a hunk of war bread—made of rye and potato flour—with a cup of tea in the morning, and the same thing at night, with an occasional chunk of sausage added. The one hot meal of the day is at noon, when each is given a pannikin full of a soupy stew of cabbage and carrots and potatoes or whatever other vegetable may be handy, plus some meat.

"The Russians like that soup," said the guard. "The Englishmen and Frenchmen do not. They are always complaining."

# 15 More Shopping Days and Then Xmas

Our store is filled with XMAS GOODS, has taken on the Xmas appearance and is filled with the XMAS SPIRIT. You no doubt are going to remember some man or boy this year and this is indeed a A STORE FOR MEN AND BOYS. This makes it easy to choose something here that will please him. You also have the advantage of trading with men who are experienced in SELECTING SUITABLE GIFTS FOR MEN AND BOYS.

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## Look Over This List FOR BOYS

Suits and Overcoats \$3.50 to \$15.00. Bath Robes, Mackinaws, Sweater Coats, Hats and Caps. Shoes, Hosiery, Neckwear, Jewelry, Indian and Cowboy Suits.



We, as men, wish to impress upon you who are in doubt as to what kind of presents men like best, that nothing can please him more than to buy him something he needs and would probably have bought for himself in the very near future and that you may make no mistake.

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also as to the sort of food and new clothing to buy where there does exist a local collecting organization at all, is equipped to answer inquiries.

This commission emphasizes one point: Just now money is not wanted so much as staple food that can be shipped, blankets and warm clothing.

### SAYS VICE AND VIRTUE SHOULD "TALK IT OVER"

Chicago, Dec. 7.—If the young woman represented by the purple of wealth and respectability would meet the scarlet woman on common ground of womanhood a solution of the problem that has baffled all history would be found. They must talk it over with a mutual desire for improvement—for the welfare of future generations, as well as for their own.

This is the daring stand Dr. Alexander J. Melver-Tyndall, lecturer and writer, took in an address to the International New Thought fellowship.

### PROMOTIONS NOW ARE RAPID IN ACTIVE ENGLISH ARMY

London, Dec. 7.—The soldier in the ranks of the British army is finding plenty of chance for promotion in the present war, the dearth of officers be-

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ing one of the most difficult problems of the war office. During the first three months of the fighting, it is announced, there have been 438 officers promoted from the ranks, excluding a number of quartermaster commissions.

### RATTLESNAKE POISON FAILS AS A CURE FOR EPILEPSY

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 7.—Rattlesnake venom as a cure for epilepsy proved a failure in official tests conducted for the state of Kansas. A report filed here by Dr. M. L. Perry, superintendent

ent of the state hospital for epileptics at Parsons notes the effect of the venom on six patients at the institution, who were given the treatment for two months.

### WIFE, AGED 75, SAYS MATE, AGED 95, DESERTED HER

Hammond, Ind., Dec. 7.—Louise M. Blue has sued Joseph Blue for divorce, charging desertion. He is 95 years of age; she is 75.  
When they were married six years ago Mrs. Blue's home became their residence.

# Belgian Soldiers Trying to Keep Warm With Their Blankets.



The winter, which peace advocates hoped would tend to put an end to the great war, has come to the men in the field in Europe. This photograph shows how cold it is at Ypres, in the north of France. The Belgians shown are holding their heavy blankets closely about them to keep from freezing in the snow. In deep their suffering will be much worse.

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